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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

MONDAY, APRIL 4.

The **PRESIDENT** took the chair at 4.30 p.m.

PAPER TO BE PRINTED.

SIR JOHN ROBERTSON laid upon the table of the House copies of certain municipal by-laws.

It was ordered that the documents be printed.

APPROPRIATION BILL.

The **PRESIDENT** read a message from the Legislative Assembly, forwarding the Appropriation Bill for the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

On the motion of **SIR JOHN ROBERTSON**, the bill was read a first time.

SIR JOHN ROBERTSON proposed to move the sun-

passage of the standing orders, in order to permit the passage of the bill through all its stages that day.

Mr. CHARLES CAMPBELL: I object.

The second reading was then made an order of the day for Tuesday, and Sir JOHN HONINGTON gave notice that he would move, next day, that the standing orders be suspended to enable the bill to pass through all its stages on that day.

LOAN BILL.

THE PARLIAMENT read a message from the Legislative Assembly, forwarding a bill to enable the Government to raise a loan for public works, and requesting the concurrence of the Council thereon.

On the motion of Sir JOHN HONINGTON, this bill was read the first time.

MESSAGES FROM THE LEGISLATIVE

ASSEMBLY.

THE PRESIDENT read messages from the Legislative Assembly, intimating that the House had agreed to the Council's amendments in the State Children Relief Bill, Anatomy Bill, and the A. S. N. Company's Navigation Act Amendment Bill.

MUNICIPAL BATHS' SITE ACQUISITION BILL.

THE PRESIDENT read a message from the Legislative Assembly, forwarding the Municipal Baths' Site Acquisition Bill, and requesting the concurrence of the Council thereon.

On the motion of Sir JOHN ROBERTSON, the bill was read the first time.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT IN RAILWAY

CARRIAGES.
Sir JOHN ROBERTSON, in reply to Mr. Stewart, stated that inquiry was made at the time it was reported that the six men had been taken to the railway station, and that the conduct in one of the carriages on the Great Western Railway, but neither the police nor the railway servants knew of the alleged disorderly conduct. If the writer of the newspaper paragraph would give the date upon which the offence was committed, he would be able to ascertain the date when the inquiry was made. The guards had already full power to deal with such cases under the Railway By-laws. An persons willfully interfering with the comfort of passengers were liable to removal from the train; and there was every reason to believe that the six men had been removed from the train, and that the railway authorities had taken the necessary measures to prevent a recurrence of the offence.

the disorder they created had been of the character described.

OBSTRUCTION IN MACQUARIE-STREET.

Sir JOHN ROBERTSON, in reply to Mr. Charles Moore, stated that in reference to the encroachment on the footpath adjoining the Parliamentary buildings in Macquarie-street, instructions would be given to have the matter inquired into.

CHAPMAN'S ESTATE LEASING BILL.

On the motion of Mr. DARLEY, Chapman's Estate Leasing Bill was read the third time, and passed, and ordered to be returned to the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

FISHERIES BILL.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on the bill, for the purpose of further considering the bill. "To further consider the bill for the development and regulation of the fisheries and the fur trade of the colony."

Clause 61, "Appeal," was agreed to, with a verbal amendment.

Clause 62, "Assaulting, &c., inspectors and others in the execution of their duty," was agreed to without amendment.

Clause 63, "Offences may be apprehended and bailed," was struck out on the motion of Sir James Ross, and the following clause substituted:—"Any person being an inspector, assistant inspector of fisheries, or assistant inspector of fur trade, or any constable, or any other officer of police or constable, may with or without warrant

seize any net, dredge, or other implement of fishing without any person holding a license, and no person shall be liable for any person fishing without being so licensed, and may also with or without warrant apprehend and lodge with the groaler or petitioner in charge of any gael, watchhouse, lock-up, or police station any person found offending against any of the provisions of this Act, who, on demand, shall name the person charged with this offence, and shall address. But any justice, or, subject to the conditions provided by the regulations, any such gaoler or person in charge may liberate any person so lodged in custody on such person entering into recognizance, with or without sureties, to appear before the justice to give bail, and may also before two or more justices, at a day and place to be therein mentioned."

place," was agreed to as read.

In clause 65, "Police to aid and assist inspectors," verbal amendment was made on the motion of Sir JOHN LALOR.

Clause 66, "Larceny from contiguous oyster beds," and 67, "What instruments, &c. to be evidence," were agreed to without amendment.

Clause 68, "Search for, and seizure of, fish or oysters," and 69, "Penalty for taking, &c. (last clause)," Report by Commissioners, were agreed to with verbal amendments.

The schedule of the bill was verbally amended, and progress was then reported.

Sir JOHN ROBERTSON moved, "That the report be now adopted."

SIR GEORGE INNES moved as an amendment,—"That the bill be recommitted for the purpose of reconsidering clause 32, 33, and 35."
 The amendment was passed, and the House having gone into committee, the clauses were verbally amended in toto, in motion of SIR JOHN ROBERTSON, and then agreed to be amended.
 The CHAIRMAN left the chair, and reported the Bill with further amendments.
 The report was adopted.
DISTRICT COURT ACTS FURTHER AMENDMENT BILL.
 The PRESIDENT reported the receipt of a message from the Legislative Assembly, forwarding the District Court

Act Further Amending the Bill for the consideration and consideration of the Council.

On the motion of Sir GEORGE INNES, the bill was read the first time.

BATES' ESTATE BILL.

The PRESIDENT reported the receipt of a message from the Legislative Assembly, forwarding the Bates' Estate Bill for the consideration and concurrence of the Council.

On the motion of Mr. DAALBY, the bill was read the first time.

SYDNEY HOSPITAL BILL.

Mr. LUTAS moved the second reading of the Sydney Hospital Bill. He was at first opposed to this bill, but the other House having passed it, he was his day's work. He was now in favor of it, and he was now in favor of it.

Mr. DARLEY said he was afraid there was not time to consider this bill before the prorogation of Parliament. If the bill were to be introduced, it would be necessary to have a committee on the hospital Board, and if the hospital was to be in a new building, he thought that even now something should be done to prevent the completion of such an enormous building as was being erected in the city. The number of beds provided in the hospital ought to be in proportion to the ground upon which the hospital was built, and he believed every rule in respect to this subject had been brought in force in hospital. The number of beds should be such a block of

land. These were matters upon which the House ought to have some information. If the motion for the second reading of the bill were pressed, he would have to vote against it.

Mr. Speaker SMITH said that, as he understood it, the directors wished the hospital to be incorporated as soon as was possible. It was rather too late now to say anything about the hospital building, and he thought the proper course with respect to the representation of the Government on the Board, as proposed, was to let the bill pass and then to consider the question of the representation of the Government. He had shown that Government nominees were not put on the board as regular in their attendance as others. The bill was a great improvement upon the one introduced last year, and he thought it might be dealt with before the session closed.

Mr. C. C. CAMPBELL, who had been present at the meeting for the consideration of the bill, and that it would be judicious for postpone it until next session.

Mr. FLOOD said the bill was one of great importance and should not be hurried through the House. He knew something of the abuses which had existed in the Sydney Infirmary, and a measure to correct them was a matter of public interest. He would move the bill at once, and it would be moved as an amendment that the consideration of the question stand an order of the day for next Thursday week.

Mr. STEWART said that among other things contained in the bill there was a confirmation of by-laws which had not been in force for many years, and that it was not a new institution, of which the House knew nothing, would become law if the bill were passed in its present state.

Mr. GEORGE INNES expressed the hope that, although the far-end of the session had been reached, the House would not consent to any motion which would practically solve the bill. (Mr. DARLEY: Is there any chance of the bill passing this session?) He thought so, unless an obstructive system was adopted.

Mr. GORDON thought that in the present state of public business there was little hope of the bill becoming law this session. He advised the hon. member in charge of the bill to withdraw it. There was a standing order which provided that if a private bill was interrupted by the close

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member regards it as an exquisite joke, with so much of central supervision, the system should be called a system of local government, notwithstanding complaints have come from other sources. The PAMPAH holds that there must be some central authority. Under present system certain powers and duties are vested in and discharged by the Colonial Secretary; but they would be exercised and formed in a far more effective way by a Board constituted, as is proposed in the bill, principles analogous to those upon which the Board under the English Act of 1871 is constituted. It is not attempted to charge the Board with all the varied duties entrusted to the Board in England; but regard has been to the circumstances of the colony. The question about choosing how the powers should be divided, the powers given to the Board in the colony are excessive, may be at once admitted that if considerable portion of the scheme were adopted it would be necessary to have a central authority with large powers of supervision and control. If the local authorities

to have an endowment from the general revenue for a period of fourteen years; if they are to receive in addition Parliamentary grants for local works, such as roads and bridges; and if they are to borrow money on the general revenue, there must be a central authority to watch over, and, when necessary, protect the general interest.

For a long time past we have contended that no system of local government would be much prospect of success unless it were founded on principle. Government initiative, and in referring to this bill some weeks back, we expressed doubts as to the sufficiency of its provisions upon that point. Sir

MR. PARKES considers the embodiment of this principle as one of the distinctive and important features of the measure. The policy of the Government is to avoid a rigid policy of compulsion throughout the whole country; but to give the local government authority, after due inquiry, to define districts for local government independently of any local initiative, whilst protecting local rights by providing for appeal to Parliament; and if the inhabitants should then refuse to act, the Government would have power to apply the screw of collecting rates in the place of local authority.

Another feature of the bill is the enlargement of the areas of incorporation. The intention of the Government is to spread municipal districts all over the colony, except where the population is too thinly scattered. In this view it is proposed to throw town country together, instead of separating them. Thus, one country district with a town in its centre would extend to adjoin another country district with a town in its centre. This proposal, as may be already, is likely to give a shock to the

ends of men who are wedded to the old ideas of action; but it is worthy of careful consideration as a possible means of promotion among townshen and country residents in recognition of common interests, and co-operation in the great work of the nation. The question of endowment will be one of the test questions of the Bill. The PRINCIPLES set out that rather more is offered during the first fourteen years than is granted under the first fifteen by the present Act. But painful experience has shown that the present Act does not give enough. There are some who look upon perpetual endowment; but to grant that would be to sap the vitality of the whole

men. If the local bodies are to attain a healthy self-dependence, they should be equipped with sufficient taxing powers, and be understood that, after conquering initial difficulties, they must trust to their own resources. This, however, reminds us of one of the weakest points in the scheme, as explained by the Premier. The local bodies are still, apparently, looking to the general Government for grants for local works; and that is a mark of a perpetual endeavour in disguise, one of the objects which a comprehensive scheme of local government should serve to relieve the general revenue of the charges for local works and Parliament of the

influences connected with dealings in
ters of local expenditure. The danger is
with such a system as is now proposed
local institutions would become machines
organized political wire-pulling, and the
racter of Parliament, instead of being im-
proved, would suffer.

much of the argument against the Suspens-
Bill with which the time of the Assembly
committee was occupied yesterday would
be even more appropriate on the motion
the second reading. It was rather late in
day to suggest that the bill should be

for discussing the question whether it should serve more effectively to check excessive indulgence in intoxicating drinks if the liquor system were wholly abolished. I have contended that, instead of restricting power to sell in comparatively few, whose interest it is that people should drink, power might be given with advantage to anybody who thought it to sell, and to increase thereby a corresponding interest in consumption of liquor. It is said that there are 900 publicans now in the Sydney City District, whose interest lies in the drinking habits of the people; and the argu-

It is that there would be less drunkenness if 9000 shopkeepers undertook to make profit out of a similar traffic. The question, however, which was raised by the bill does not touch the fundamental principles of licensing or of no licensing. The system of licensing has been established by law, and has for many years past. It is the intention of the Government, and it should be the desire of Parliament, that the law should be reconsidered, and that a new system should be set up. When a bill is introduced for that purpose, the time will come for dealing with fundamental principles and theories. But, pending the

ing of such a measure, the question arises whether the present system should remain fully in force—whether new arrests should be allowed to be created under the evils which have caused a general outcry against that system, and a demand for change, should remain unchecked. On the Suspensory Act of 1880 was passed, Parliament answered these questions emphatically in the negative. The reasons for giving a similar answer are as effective as the reasons for giving a different one. There is no doubt that it will be a long time to carry a comprehensive bill to amend the whole law. There is no ground for the expectation that such a bill would be

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FIRED TRAMS NEXT SATURDAY.
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A LARGE Weatherboard HOUSE, in Dowling-street, to be Paled Down and taken away, between Oxford and BUNNING streets. Apply to Mr. **PLIMMING**, High-street.
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BILL and **BILL**, best quality. **MALCOLM**, JAMES and **COLLIER**, 41, Marlborough St, turners, 544, George-street.
BILLARD TABLES to let out on **HIRE** or for **SALE**, (Guaranteed) at **LOWEST** prices. Apply to **MR. JOHN HALL**, 10, Abchurch Lane, London, E.C. 4, Great Britain.
BOY'S Velocipedes and Wargons, Perambulators and Invalids' Chairs (all kinds). **ANDERSON'S** Lads, Parkmans-street.
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PITLIE'S MACHIE VERMIN KILLER
destroys BATS, MICE, COCKROACHES, ANTS, NATIVE CATS,
DOGS, BEARS, PLAYING FOXES, and is death to all creeping in-
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GOVERNMENT HOUSE, SYDNEY, 16th April,
1900.—(Continued).—I am directed by His Excellency the
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say that it has met with His Excellency's entire approval. I am
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I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,
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FOR SALE, SCHOOL FURNITURE. A, Bailey's-
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HUNKER and WOLFE have received instructions to
sell by auction, at their New Wool Store, THIS DAY, at 1
o'clock,
Bales of wool
Bundles of sheepskins.
Terms, cash.
Westly Leather Sale.

T AIDEN, HILL, and CLARK will sell by auction, at
their Leather Sale Rooms, Circular Quay, THIS DAY,
at half-past 10 o'clock prompt,
Kip, sole, calf, yearling
Hornsea, bag, bridle, bridle, &c.
Terms, cash.

HARKER
L. HARKER will sell by auction, at his Store, Cir-
cular Quay, on FRIDAY next, the 5th instant, 50 tons
selected stail, now landing at Market Wharf.

L HARKER will sell by auction, at his Produce
store, THIS DAY, at 10.30, Leather.

TOWN BRIDGE will sell by auction, at his warehouse,
THIS DAY, at 12.00, Leather.

of the
Late Mr. THOMAS CARTER,
NORTH KINGSTON, NEWTOWN.
DWELLING-HOUSE AND ALLOTMENT LAND, IN DENTON-
STREET, west side, a few feet north of LENOXE-
STREET.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH have received instructions to sell by public auction, at the Rooms, Pitt-street, on
FRIDAY, 9th APRIL,
at 11 o'clock.

All that corner allotment of land, No. 137, of section 4 of the North Kingston Estate, Newtown, containing 10 PERSHORE FRONTS, bounded on the north by the Railway Station, 22 feet to a side lane, 22 feet to a lane at the rear, on which is erected a two-story DWELLING-HOUSE, of brick on a stone foundation, containing 4 rooms and kitchen, yard, water laid on, &c., at the rear.

Half of the frontage is vacant and available for building purposes.

☞ A conveniently situated property, on the North Kingston Estate, Newtown, handy to the railway station and the omnibus.

Plan of position on view at the Rooms.

THOMAS REED, Esq., Pitt-street, Solicitor of the estate.

In the ESTATE of the late Mr. WM. HY. PEPPERCORNE.

CITY PROPERTY.

TWO DWELLING HOUSES, Nos. 138 and 140, DOWLING-STREET, between WILLIAM-STREET and COWPER WHARF.

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All that allotment of land, lying 22 feet frontage to the east side of DOWLING-STREET, with a depth of 41 feet 8 inches, extending to a road-way, 22 feet, on which are erected Nos. 138 and 140, DOWLING-STREET, **TWO STONE DWELLING HOUSES,** with verandas and balconies in front, and containing 4 rooms, 2 attics, and kitchen, yard, &c., connected with the sewer.

☞ A centrally-situated city investment, handy to William-street and Cowper Wharf, and within easy walking distance of the business part of the town.

Terms liberal at sale.

BY ORDER of the POSTMASTER-GENERAL.

SOUTH HEAD ROAD, PADDINGTON.
between
ELIZABETH-STREET AND POINT PIER ROAD.

VALUABLE CORNER BLOCK of Land,
SOUTH HEAD ROAD,
and
LEICE-STEET-STREET.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH have received instructions to sell by public auction, at the Rooms, Pitt-street, on
FRIDAY, 9th APRIL, at 11 o'clock.

All that exceedingly valuable corner block of land at Paddington, having frontage of 4 road-way, 22 feet, and 35 FEET to SOUTH HEAD ROAD.

113 FEET to LEICE-STEET-STREET.

☞ A grand corner block of building land on the main South Head Road, Paddington Heights.

Plan of position on view at the Rooms.

Terms at sale in

BY ORDER of the MINISTER FOR PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

ASHFIELD SOUTH.

THAT BEAUTIFUL SITUATED Block of LAND, area 172 ACRES, fronting HOLDEN-STREET, SWANSON-STREET and the CIRCULAR ROAD, in close proximity to the most highly improved, modern and fashionable in this attractive and popular part of the beautiful suburb of Ashfield.

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